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National Broiler Market-At-A-Glance

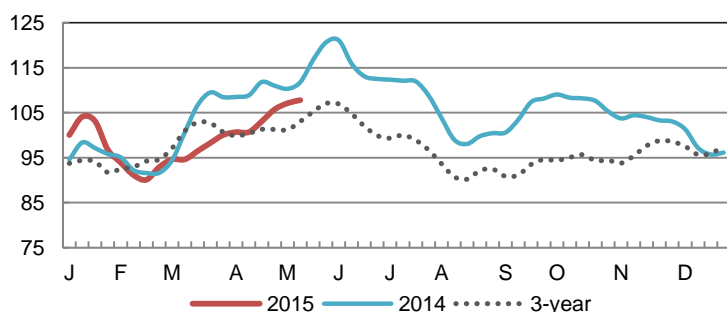
Whole broiler/fryer prices are steady. Offerings are light to moderate for current trade requirements. Retail and food service demand entering the weekend is light to moderate. Floor stocks are mostly balanced. Market activity is slow to moderate. In the parts structure, movement is light to moderate. Prices of breast cuts are steady to firm, firm for tenders. Dark meat prices are steady to weak, and wings at least steady. Supplies of breast cuts and wings are light to moderate, but dark meat cuts are moderate to heavy. Market activity for parts is slow to moderate. In production areas, live supplies are moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

National Whole Broiler/Fryer

	This Week		Last Week	
	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.	Wtd Avg	1,000 lbs.
Eastern				
Whole Body:	108.26	5,462	107.90	5,436
WOGS:	110.06	1,340	108.64	1,292
New York				
Whole Body:	106.34	1,405	105.03	1,374
Central				
Whole Body:	103.80	3,530	103.83	3,365
WOGS:	103.44	2,815	103.21	2,785
Chicago				
Whole Body:	104.76	2,060	105.01	1,965
Western				
Whole Body:	112.13	2,608	110.44	1,995
WOGS:	111.99	2,390	110.11	1,820
Los Angeles				
Whole Body:	111.66	1,898	110.07	1,425

National Composite Weighted

	Wtd Avg	Change	1,000 lbs.
This Week:	107.78	↑ 0.67	11,600
Last Week:	107.10		10,796
Last Year:	110.30	↓ 2.52	11,413
Monthly Composite Weighted Average			
Apr	104.79		58,380



Georgia Fob Dock or Equivalent Wtd Avg Prices

Monday Final	114.12	
Next Week Trading Quote.....	115.75	
Friday Prelim.....	114.84	
Confirmed Prelim. Wtd Avg price on ice-packed parts:		
Item	Wtd Avg (cents/lb.)	Vol (000 lbs.)
Line Run Tenders	215.00	1,757
Breasts - B/S	195.00	7,535
Breasts - Whole	123.00	870
Thigh Meat - B/S	146.00	2,195
Thighs	75.00	1,094
Drumsticks	57.50	1,600
Leg Quarters	49.00	7,222
Wings	169.00	3,599
Data Source: Georgia Department of Agriculture, Poultry Market News Service		

Weekly Poultry Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

(Preliminary) Week ending 25-Apr-15

	Young Chickens	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens	Duck
----- Thousands -----					
Head	157,046	1,294	1,668	2,962	438
Avg Wt	6.12	3.25	8.09	5.98	6.91
Last week	157,473	1,415	1,620	3,035	461
Same wk yr ago	152,222	1,407	1,456	2,863	437
Avg Wt	5.93	3.01	8.19	5.64	7.04
To-date/2015*	2,493,442	23,883	25,626	49,509	7,331
To-date/2014*	2,434,434	24,068	23,454	47,522	7,006
% Change YTD	2%	-1%	9%	4%	5%
Ready-to-Cook Weight and Dressing Percentage					
Current week	730,452	2,334	9,243	11,577	2,149
Last week	730,045	2,537	8,722	11,259	2,026
Same wk yr ago	686,034	2,329	8,168	10,497	2,184
To-date/2015*	11,514,477	42,943	141,440	184,383	34,849
To-date/2014*	10,798,955	41,527	131,119	172,646	33,381
% Change YTD	7%	3%	8%	7%	4%
Dressing %	76.0%	55.5%	68.5%		71.0%

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 159.0 million head, or 0.3 million more than estimated available.

(B) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Estimated U.S. Live Poultry Slaughter

Under Federal Inspection Week Ending 02-May-2015

	Current Week 5/2/2015 (1)	Previous Week 4/25/2015
Class	----- Thousand head -----	-----
Broiler/fryer	159,994 (2)	160,298
Light hens	1,410	1,636
Heavy hens	1,705	1,773
Total	163,109	163,707

(1) Estimated

(2) The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 02-May-15 is 159.5 million head compared to 156.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 160.3 million head or 0.8 million more than estimated available. For the week of 09-May-15 the estimated available is 160.0 million head.

Southern States Broiler Parts

f.o.b. dock or equivalent, iced-packed, prices shown are day of shipment (includes current and prior negotiations), trucklot and less than trucklot volume, cents per pound.

Item	Weekly	
	lbs. (000)	wtd. avg.
Breast - B/S	1,466	153.91
Tenderloins	630	186.97
Breast - Line Run	480	99.40
Front Halves	400	85.88
Legs	767	31.28
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	1,091	25.96
Leg Quarters (4/10)	1,127	31.07
Wings (Whole)	673	156.39
Wings (Cut)	761	169.06
Drumsticks	1,176	25.40
Thighs	495	50.55
B/S Thighs	580	106.62

Whole Body Index Based on Southern States Parts Trading for -- f.o.b. dock.

Range	Today's Average	5-Day Average
51.00 - 62.00	55.41	55.93

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

Northeast Broiler Parts

Ice packed broiler/fryer parts, delivered to first receivers in pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound

Item	Weekly	
	wtd. avg.	lbs.
Breast - B/S	158.59	4,138,560
Tenderloins	200.08	917,360
Breast - With Ribs	119.75	208,055
Breast - Line Run	104.44	495,392
Legs	44.90	658,360
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	33.56	2,014,303
Drumsticks	40.22	649,474
Thighs	71.77	149,600
B/S Thighs	109.16	519,400
Wings (Whole)	172.69	1,117,960
Backs and Necks (Stripped)	18.00	27,560
Livers (5 Pound Tubs)	55.47	58,550
Gizzards (Hearts)	79.99	82,520

Includes New York City Metropolitan Area, Northern NJ, MA, CT, RI, and PA (Northeast Of Harrisburg).

* Weighted average price of all grades and brands of product shipped, or to be shipped as of 1:30 p.m.

Midwest Region Broiler/Fryer Parts

Ice-packed pool trucklot and trucklot quantities, cents per pound
Delivered to: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, & WI

Week of 27-Apr-15 to 01-May-2015

	Price per lb.		Mostly
Breast - B/S	145.00 -	163.00	150.00 - 158.00
Tenderloins	195.00 -	216.00	199.00 - 205.00
Breast - Line Run	88.00 -	115.00	95.00 - 105.00
Legs	33.00 -	51.00	-
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	28.00 -	45.00	33.00 - 36.00
Leg Quarters (4/10)	35.00 -	44.00	36.00 - 38.00
Drumsticks	29.00 -	51.00	-
Thighs	45.00 -	71.00	-
B/S Thighs	96.00 -	110.00	-
Wings (Whole)	178.00 -	191.00	183.00 - 191.00
Backs & Necks (Stripped)	17.00 -	41.00	-
Livers	32.00 -	50.00	-
Gizzards (Hearts)	40.00 -	70.00	-

Major Wholesale Markets – Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending April 24, 2015

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
Rayon						
Low	105.75	186.10	109.30	35.45	20.68	118.16
High	106.34	197.91	118.16	44.31	23.63	118.16
Mostly	106.34	192.01	112.25	38.40	20.68	118.16
San Juan						
Low	103.39	186.10	106.34	32.49	20.68	118.16
High	104.86	194.96	115.20	41.35	23.63	118.16
Mostly	104.86	189.05	109.30	35.45	20.68	118.16
New San Juan						
Low	104.86	189.05	112.25	38.40	23.63	118.16
High	106.93	200.87	121.11	47.26	26.59	118.16
Mostly	106.34	194.96	115.20	41.35	23.63	118.16
Becerra						
Low	105.75	192.01	115.20	41.35	23.63	118.16
High	107.82	203.82	124.06	50.22	26.59	118.16
Mostly	106.34	197.91	118.16	44.31	23.63	118.16

National Mechanically Separated Chicken

(f.o.b. Shipper Dock or equivalent; negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand pound quantities, cents/pound; delivery within 2- weeks.)

Prices of MSC are trending steady to firm on all fat contents. Demand into domestic and export channels is moderate to good, especially good for frozen MSC. Schedules are normal. Overall the spot marketplace is in good shape with strong demand for frozen MSC exports and frames, while further processors are reporting good movement on finished goods. Industry maintains a close eye on the marketplace, as well as the avian influenza situation throughout the country. Market activity is moderate to active. Supplies of raw materials are light to moderate. Frame prices are steady to firm with trading levels between 12-15 cents FOB, mostly 13-14 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices

(cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

Fat Content	Frozen			Fresh		
	1-May-15	Last Week	Last Year	1-May-15	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range	-	-	31.00	28.00	28.00	27.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price			31.00	28.00	28.00	27.71
Volume Traded	-	-	40	122	82	143
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20%						
Price Range	28.00 - 33.00	29.00 - 33.00	30.00-36.00	23.00 - 28.50	23.00 - 28.00	24.00-28.00
Wtd Avg Price	30.65	30.89	31.84	25.83	25.74	25.91
Volume Traded	1,521	1,305	1,375	2,612	3,029	3,257
Volume Exported	1,281	1,225	1,215	449	490	204
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.50
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	24.00	24.00	22.50
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	82	82
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Young Chickens Slaughtered Under Federal Inspection

Week ending 25-Apr-15

(Preliminary)	(A) 4.25 lbs. & down	(B) 4.26 - 6.25 lbs.	(C) 6.26 - 7.75 lbs.	(D) 7.76 lbs. & up	Total
Head	33,351	53,890	34,148	35,657	157,046
Avg Live Wgt	3.79	5.30	6.81	8.89	6.12
% of total /1	21%	34%	22%	23%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	40,292	53,639	30,342	33,200	157,473
Avg Live Wgt	3.65	5.41	7.15	9.24	6.10
% of total /1	26%	34%	19%	21%	100%
Year Ago 2/	40,588	46,457	35,524	29,653	152,222
Avg Live Wgt	3.78	5.36	6.85	8.67	5.93
% of total /1	27%	31%	23%	19%	100%
To date/2015*	622,213	849,759	463,244	558,226	2,493,442
To date/2014*	648,873	862,132	450,091	473,338	2,434,434
% Change YTD	-4%	-1%	3%	18%	2%

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding. 2/ Comparable week.

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

Est. U.S. Fryer Slaughter/Fryer Availability Comparison

Week Ending	Million Head Slaughtered	Million Head Available*	Pct	Avg Wt
3/21	161.2	159.3	101%	6.01
3/28	159.3	158.2	101%	6.08
4/4	154.9	159.0	97%	6.06
4/11	157.1	158.0	99%	6.10
4/18	159.4	157.9	101%	6.10
4/25	159.0	158.7	100%	6.12
Year to date	2523.7	2528.6	100%	
5/2		160.2		
5/9		159.7		

*Based on chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier.

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

Live weight	RTC WOG's weight	Head (000)	% of Total Slaughter
3.60 lbs & lighter	Under 2.5 lbs.	3,816	2.43%
3.61 - 3.80 lbs.	2.5 - 2.63 lbs.	12,292	7.83%
3.81 - 4.00 lbs.	2.63 - 2.75 lbs.	11,341	7.22%
4.01 - 4.25 lbs.	2.75 - 2.9 lbs.	5,901	3.76%
Totals:		33,350	21.24%

Estimated Slaughter Of Broiler-Fryers

	Estimated (1,000)	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt	Actual (1,000)	Avg Wt
AL	05/01	04/30	04/28	04/29	04/28
AR	3,844	3,768	3,640	3,733	5.76
Delmarva	2,215	2,218	2,186	2,127	6.55
KY-LA-TN	2,549	2,484	2,272	2,497	5.45
MS	2,618	2,680	2,786	2,799	6.37
NC	3,278	2,943	2,885	2,906	7.93
TX	2,599	2,442	2,398	2,346	6.24
Total	21,639	21,144	20,863	21,054	6.28
Mon-Fri	106,283	(A)			
Saturday	1,757	(included in total for date shown)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 01-May-15 and 02-May-15 is estimated to be 32,933,000 head up 4.78 percent from a week ago and up 8.6 percent from a year ago. (Last week 31,432,000, last year 30,334,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 02-May-15 is estimated to be 160,647,000 head up 2.29 percent from a week ago, and up 4.19 percent from a year ago. (Last week 157,046,000, last year 154,180,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

Eastern Region Misc. Poultry For delivery the week of April 27, 2015

Ducklings: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A, 4-5 lbs., delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, cents/lb.

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Long Island	226-230	231-237
Midwest	197-212	202-218

Roasters: Prices negotiated by first receivers, U.S. Grade A & Plant Grade, 5 lbs. & up, delivered, cents/lb.

	Range	Mostly
Ice Packed (12/Box)	77.00-94.25	82.00-88.00
Vacuum Packed (6-9/Box)	80.00-95.00	84.00-90.00

Squabs: NY area wholesale prices, frozen, Plant Grade, dollars/dozen, 1-10 boxes

11 oz 99.63- 117.60 **13 oz** 108.54- 135.42 **15 oz** 117.45- 142.65

Eastern Region: CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

Central Region Ducklings This week, prices are steady. Demand and supplies remain moderate. Processing schedules are full-time. Market activity is moderate. Prices paid, first receivers for 10-18 oz. boneless breast at \$5.98-9.00, bone-in legs at \$3.70-5.10, gizzards at \$2.25- 2.30, wings at \$.80-1.00, livers at \$1.40-1.82, and feet \$1.00-1.50 cents per lb.

Prices negotiated by first receivers for U.S. Grade A delivered in trucklot & pool trucklot quantities, 4-5 lbs., cents/lb.

Week of April 27, 2015

Origin	Frozen	Fresh
Midwest & Others	189-221	194-227

National Fowl Market

Live Spent Heavy Fowl		
Final Prices at Farm Buyer Loading:	Price Range	Wtd Avg
Prices in cents per pound.	12.0-23.0	14.55
(Southeast Region broiler breeder hens generally for processing, 7 lbs. and up; under 7 lbs. subject to discount.)		
Southeast Region = AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, AND VA.		

Live Spent Light Fowl

Majority price (cents/head) for removal: 0-7

(live hens are predominately egg-layers averaging about 3.5 lbs. live weight per bird.) Eastern region = AL, CT, DE, GA, KY, MA, MD, ME, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV; North Central = IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI; South Central = AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX.

Ready-to-Cook Midwest Region Negotiated Prices to First Receivers (cents/lb. delivered to first receivers; U.S. Grade A and Plant Grade)

	Price Range
Hens	80.0 - 86.0
	85.0 - 90.0
Midwest region = IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, and WI	

Live Fowl Auctions - 04-28-15

All Papers Required To Sell All Out Of State Poultry

Hackettstown, NJ	Low	High	Avg
Heavy Fowl	-	1.00	-
	1.95	7.50	2.25

Graystone Small Animal, Manheim, PA

	Price Range	
Red Fowl 5-6 lbs:	1.00 - 1.70	per pound
4-5 lbs:	.80 - 1.60	per pound
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 lbs:	.95 - 1.50	per pound

Delmarva Broiler/Fryer Market US Grade A

Date	Production (000)	Live Weight
	Actual Slaughter	
4/24	1,837	6.31
4/23	2,162	6.19
4/22	2,207	6.18
4/21	2,216	6.37
4/20	2,175	6.52
Weekly	10,597	6.31

(A) Not released to avoid disclosing individual operations

Cattle/Hog Weekly Estimated Slaughter Under Federal Inspection (in 000's)

W/E	05/02/15	04/25/15	% chg	05/03/14	% chg
Cattle	566	544	+04	610 ¹	+07
Hogs	2,164	2,184	-01	2,015 ¹	+07

¹ Actual data incorporated when available.

Totals adjusted to reflect USDA, NASS revisions.

Broiler Hatchery

Week Ending 4/25/2015

State	Broiler-Type Eggs Set,		Broiler-Type Chicks Placed,	
	19 Selected States		19 Selected States	
	Week Ending			
	Apr 18, 2015 (1,000 eggs)	Apr 25, 2015	Apr 18, 2015 (1,000 chicks)	Apr 25, 2015
AL.....	29,535	29,136	21,325	22,490
AR.....	21,713	21,549	20,871	19,940
DE.....	4,736	4,717	5,226	5,043
FL.....	1,223	1,222	1,328	1,336
GA.....	34,231	34,144	27,021	26,772
KY.....	7,884	7,891	5,740	5,667
LA.....	3,833	3,833	3,372	3,394
MD.....	7,989	7,723	6,575	6,541
MS.....	17,567	17,310	15,512	15,347
MO.....	8,266	8,127	5,742	5,963
NC.....	20,711	21,453	17,247	17,311
OK.....	6,672	6,154	3,632	4,435
PA.....	4,667	4,528	3,849	4,063
SC.....	5,851	5,488	4,689	4,585
TX.....	15,538	15,304	12,536	12,826
VA.....	6,553	6,549	5,019	4,610
CA, TN, & WV.....	12,802	12,326	11,382	12,237
19 State Total.....	209,771	207,454	171,066	172,560
Percent of Prev. Year	102	102	104	103
Other States	8,267	8,247	6,310	6,301
United States	218,038	215,701	177,376	178,861

Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Total Up 3 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

United States Total (1,000 eggs)	2015	% PY
Eggs Set	215,701	+03

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Total Up 2 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 179 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 3 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 25, 2015, up 3 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 10, 2015 through April 25, 2015 for the United States were 2.81 billion. Cumulative placements were up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

United States Total (1,000 chicks)	2015	% PY
Chicks Placed	178,861	+02

Source: USDA, NASS

U.S./Canadian Live Poultry Slaughtered Under Inspection Week Ending Apr 25, 2015 (Preliminary)

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered Domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,294	1,668	2,962
Last Week	1,415	1,620	3,035
Same week yr ago	1,407	1,456	2,863
To-date/2015*	23,883	25,626	49,509
To-date/2014*	24,068	23,454	47,522

	U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	575	0	575
Last Week	568	0	568
Same week yr ago	601	0	601
To-date/2015*	6,795	10	6,805
To-date/2014*	5,846	0	5,846

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada

	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
	-----Thousands-----		
Head	1,869	1,668	3,537
Last Week	1,983	1,620	3,603
Same week yr ago	2,008	1,456	3,464
To-date/2015*	30,678	25,636	56,314
To-date/2014*	29,914	23,454	53,368

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Processed other Poultry (000) lbs.

<u>Weekly Cold Storage Holdings</u> Selected Centers, incl. Gov't Stocks		Cold Storage Holdings Pacific without Denver		
		04/27/15	04/20/15	04/28/14
AM	04/27/15	44,124		
AM	04/01/15	44,689		
CHG		-565		
PCT CHG		-1%		
		Pacific Coast:		
		4961	5402	6577
		Los Angeles:		
		1019	1009	1662

Fresh Beef Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Price Range	Wtd Avg
112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy	830.00 874.75	853.09
168 3 Round, top inside round	278.00 306.25	288.73
180 3 Loin, strip, bnls, 0x1	780.00 824.50	813.93
Ground Beef 81%	213.00 250.98	222.23

Fresh Pork Cuts - FOB Negotiated

	Wtd Avg
Loin - 1/8 Trimmed Loin VAC	109.22
Bnls CC Strap-on	133.60
Butt - 1/8 Trim Steak Ready Butt Vac	110.15
Sparerib - Trmd Sparerib - MED	171.14

Weekly Fryers Available For Marketing

Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 06-Jun-15 is estimated at 158.2 million head. This compares to 156.0 million head the previous week and to 155.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 154.1 million head and the national weighted average price was 110.99 cents per pound.